

# **Stellaris<sup>®</sup> LM4F120 LaunchPad Evaluation Board**

## **User Manual**



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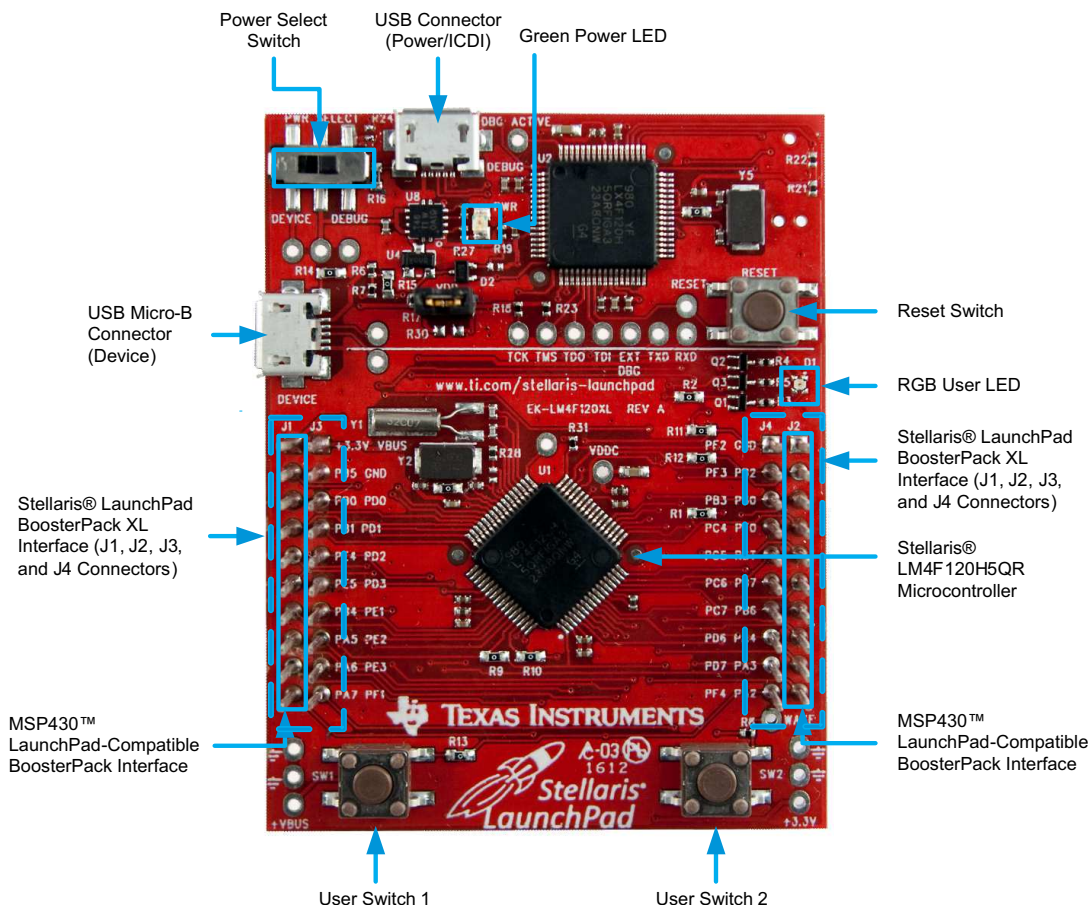
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## Board Overview

The Stellaris® LM4F120 LaunchPad Evaluation Board ([EK-LM4F120XL](#)) is a low-cost evaluation platform for ARM® Cortex™-M4F-based microcontrollers. The Stellaris LaunchPad design highlights the [LM4F120H5QR](#) microcontroller USB 2.0 device interface and hibernation module. The Stellaris LaunchPad also features programmable user buttons and an RGB LED for custom applications. The stackable headers of the Stellaris LM4F120 LaunchPad BoosterPack XL interface demonstrate how easy it is to expand the functionality of the Stellaris LaunchPad when interfacing to other peripherals with Stellaris BoosterPacks and MSP430™™ BoosterPacks. [Figure 1-1](#) shows a photo of the Stellaris LaunchPad.

**Figure 1-1. Stellaris LM4F120 LaunchPad Evaluation Board**



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## 1.1 Kit Contents

The Stellaris LM4F120 LaunchPad Evaluation Kit contains the following items:

- Stellaris LaunchPad Evaluation Board (EK-LM4F120XL)
- On-board Stellaris In-Circuit Debug Interface (ICDI)
- USB micro-B plug to USB-A plug cable
- [README First](#) document

## 1.2 Using the Stellaris LaunchPad

The recommended steps for using the Stellaris LM4F120 LaunchPad Evaluation Kit are:

1. **Follow the README First document included in the kit.** The README First document will help you get the Stellaris LaunchPad up and running in minutes. See the [Stellaris LaunchPad web page](#) for additional information to help you get started.
2. **Experiment with LaunchPad BoosterPacks.** A selection of Stellaris BoosterPacks and compatible MSP430 BoosterPacks can be found at the [Stellaris LaunchPad web page](#).
3. **Take your first step toward developing an application with Project 0 using your preferred ARM tool-chain and the Stellaris Peripheral Driver Library.** Software applications are loaded using the on-board Stellaris In-Circuit Debug Interface (ICDI). See [Chapter 3, Software Development](#), for the programming procedure. The [StellarisWare Peripheral Driver Library Software Reference Manual](#) contains specific information on software structure and function. For more information on Project 0, go to the [Stellaris LaunchPad wiki page](#).
4. **Customize and integrate the hardware to suit an end application.** This user's manual is an important reference for understanding circuit operation and completing hardware modification.

You can also view and download almost six hours of training material on configuring and using the LaunchPad. Visit the [Stellaris LaunchPad Workshop](#) for more information and tutorials.

## 1.3 Features

Your Stellaris LaunchPad includes the following features:

- Stellaris LM4F120H5QR microcontroller
- USB micro-B connector for USB device
- RGB user LED
- Two user switches (application/wake)
- Available I/O brought out to headers on a 0.1-in (2.54-mm) grid
- On-board Stellaris ICDI
- Switch-selectable power sources:
  - ICDI
  - USB device
- Reset switch
- Preloaded RGB quickstart application
- Supported by StellarisWare software including the USB library and the peripheral driver library
- Stellaris LM4F120 LaunchPad BoosterPack XL Interface, which features stackable headers to expand the capabilities of the Stellaris LaunchPad development platform
  - For a complete list of available BoosterPacks that can be used with the Stellaris LaunchPad, see the [Stellaris LaunchPad web page](#).

## 1.4 BoosterPacks

The Stellaris LaunchPad provides an easy and inexpensive way to develop applications with the Stellaris LM4F120H5QR microcontroller. Stellaris BoosterPacks and MSP430 BoosterPacks expand the available peripherals and potential applications of the Stellaris LaunchPad. BoosterPacks can be used with the Stellaris LaunchPad or you can simply use the on-board LM4F120H5QR microcontroller as its processor. See [Chapter 2](#) for more information.

Build your own BoosterPack and take advantage of [Texas Instruments' website](#) to help promote it! From sharing a new idea or project, to designing, manufacturing, and selling your own BoosterPack kit, TI offers a variety of avenues for you to reach potential customers with your solutions.

## 1.5 Specifications

[Table 1-1](#) summarizes the specifications for the Stellaris LaunchPad.

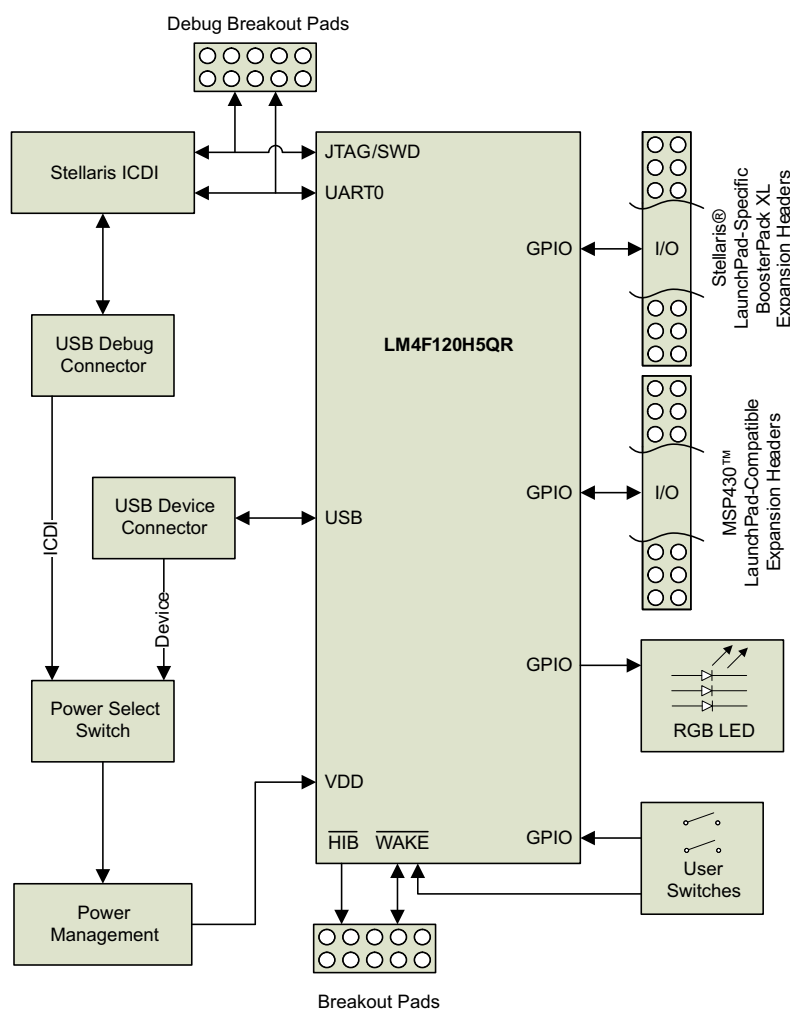
**Table 1-1. EK-LM4F120XL Specifications**

Parameter	Value
Board supply voltage	4.75 V <sub>DC</sub> to 5.25 V <sub>DC</sub> from one of the following sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Debugger (ICDI) USB Micro-B cable (connected to a PC)</li> <li>USB Device Micro-B cable (connected to a PC)</li> </ul>
Dimensions	2.0 in x 2.25 in x 0.425 in (5.0 cm x 5.715 cm x 10.795 mm) (L x W x H)
Break-out power output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.3 V<sub>DC</sub> (300 mA max)</li> <li>5.0 V<sub>DC</sub> (depends on 3.3 V<sub>DC</sub> usage, 23 mA to 323 mA)</li> </ul>
RoHS status	Compliant

## Hardware Description

The Stellaris LaunchPad includes a Stellaris LM4F120H5QR microcontroller and an integrated Stellaris ICDI as well as a range of useful peripheral features (as the block diagram in [Figure 2-1](#) shows). This chapter describes how these peripherals operate and interface to the microcontroller.

**Figure 2-1. Stellaris LaunchPad Evaluation Board Block Diagram**



## 2.1 Functional Description

### 2.1.1 Microcontroller

The Stellaris LM4F120H5QR is a 32-bit ARM Cortex-M4F-based microcontroller with 256-KB Flash memory, 32-KB SRAM, 80-MHz operation, USB device, Hibernation module, and a wide range of other peripherals. See the [LM4F120H5QR microcontroller data sheet](#) (literature number [SPMS294](#)) for complete device details.

Most of the microcontroller signals are routed to 0.1-in (2.54-mm) pitch headers. An internal multiplexer allows different peripheral functions to be assigned to each of these GPIO pads. When adding external circuitry, consider the additional load on the evaluation board power rails.

The LM4F120H5QR microcontroller is factory-programmed with a quickstart demo program. The quickstart program resides in on-chip Flash memory and runs each time power is applied, unless the quickstart application has been replaced with a user program.

## 2.1.2 USB Device

The Stellaris LaunchPad includes a USB micro-B connector to allow for USB 2.0 device operation. The signals shown in [Table 2-1](#) are used for USB device.

**Table 2-1. USB Device Signals**

GPIO Pin	Pin Function	USB Device
PD4	USB0DM	D–
PD5	USB0DP	D+

When connected as a USB device, the evaluation board can be powered from either the Stellaris ICDI or the USB Device connectors. The user can select the power source by moving the POWER SELECT switch (SW3) to the Device position. See the *Power Management* schematic (appended to this document).

## 2.1.3 User Switches and RGB User LED

The Stellaris LaunchPad comes with an RGB LED. This LED is used in the preloaded RGB quickstart application and can be configured for use in custom applications.

Two user buttons are included on the board. The user buttons are both used in the preloaded quickstart application to adjust the light spectrum of the RGB LED as well as go into and out of hibernation. The user buttons can be used for other purposes in the user's custom application.

The evaluation board also has a green power LED. [Table 2-2](#) shows how these features are connected to the pins on the microcontroller.

**Table 2-2. User Switches and RGB LED Signals**

GPIO Pin	Pin Function	USB Device
PF4	GPIO	SW1
PF0	GPIO	SW2
PF1	GPIO	RGB LED (Red)
PF2	GPIO	RGB LED (Blue)
PF3	GPIO	RGD LED (Green)

## 2.1.4 Headers and BoosterPacks

The two double rows of stackable headers are mapped to most of the GPIO pins of the LM4F120H5QR microcontroller. These rows are labeled as connectors J1, J2, J3, and J4. Connectors J3 and J4 are located 0.1 in (2.54 mm) inside of the J1 and J2 connectors. All 40 header pins of the J1, J2, J3, and J4 connectors make up the Stellaris LM4F120 LaunchPad BoosterPack XL Interface. [Table 2-3](#) through [Table 2-6](#) show how these header pins are connected to the microcontroller pins and which GPIO functions can be selected.

**NOTE:** To configure the device peripherals easily and intuitively using a graphical user interface (GUI), see the Stellaris LM4F Pinmux Utility found at [www.ti.com/tool/lm4f\\_pinmux](http://www.ti.com/tool/lm4f_pinmux). This easy-to-use interface makes setting up alternate functions for GPIOs simple and error-free.



**Table 2-3. J1 Connector<sup>(1)</sup>**

J4 Pin	GPIO	Stellaris Pin	GPIOCTL Register Setting							
			GPIOAMSEL	1	2	3	7	8	9	14
1.01	3.3 V									
1.02	PB5	57	AIN11	–	SSI2Fss	–	T1CCP1	CAN0Tx	–	–
1.03	PB0	45	–	U1Rx	–	–	T2CCP0	–	–	–
1.04	PB1	46	–	U1Tx	–	–	T2CCP1	–	–	–
1.05	PE4	59	AIN9	U5Rx	–	I2C2SCL	–	CAN0Rx	–	–
1.06	PE5	60	AIN8	U5Tx	–	I2C2SDA	–	CAN0Tx	–	–
1.07	PB4	58	AIN10	–	SSI2Ck	–	T1CCP0	CAN0Rx	–	–
1.08	PA5	22	–	–	SSI0Tx	–	–	–	–	–
1.09	PA6	23	–	–	–	I2C1SCL	–	–	–	–
1.10	PA7	24	–	–	–	I2C1SDA	–	–	–	–

<sup>(1)</sup> Shaded cells indicate configuration for compatibility with the MSP430 LaunchPad.

**Table 2-4. J2 Connector<sup>(1)</sup>**

J2 Pin	GPIO	Stellaris Pin	GPIOCTL Register Setting							
			GPIOAMSEL	1	2	3	7	8	9	14
2.01	GND									
2.02	PB2	47	–	–	–	I2C0SCL	T3CCP0	–	–	–
2.03	PE0	9	AIN3	U7Rx	–	–	–	–	–	–
2.04	PF0	28	–	U1RTS	SSI1Rx	CAN0Rx	T0CCP0	NMI	C0o	–
2.05	RESET									
2.06 <sup>(2)</sup>	PB7	4	–	–	SSI2Tx	–	T0CCP1	–	–	–
2.07 <sup>(3)</sup>	PB6	1	–	–	SSI2Rx	–	T0CCP0	–	–	–
2.08	PA4	21	–	–	SSI0Rx	–	–	–	–	–
2.09	PA3	20	–	–	SSI0Fss	–	–	–	–	–
2.10	PA2	19	–	–	SSI0Ck	–	–	–	–	–

<sup>(1)</sup> Shaded cells indicate configuration for compatibility with the MSP430 LaunchPad.

<sup>(2)</sup> J2.06 (PB7) is also connected via a 0-Ω resistor to J3.04 (PD1).

<sup>(3)</sup> J2.07 (PB6) is also connected via a 0-Ω resistor to J3.03 (PD0).

**Table 2-5. J3 Connector<sup>(1)</sup>**

J3 Pin	GPIO	Stellaris Pin	GPIOCTL Register Setting							
			GPIOAMSEL	1	2	3	7	8	9	14
3.01										
3.02										
3.03	PD0	61	AIN7	SSI3Clk	SSI1Clk	I2C3SCL	WT2CCP0	–	–	–
3.04	PD1	62	AIN6	SSI3Fss	SSI1Fss	I2C3SDA	WT2CCP1	–	–	–
3.05	PD2	63	AIN5	SSI3Rx	SSI1Rx	–	WT3CCP0	–	–	–
3.06	PD3	64	AIN4	SSI3Tx	SSI1Tx	–	WT3CCP1	–	–	–
3.07	PE1	8	AIN2	U7Tx	–	–	–	–	–	–
3.08	PE2	7	AIN1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
3.09	PE3	6	AIN0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
3.10 <sup>(2)</sup>	PF1	29	–	U1CTS	SSI1Tx	–	T0CCP1	–	C1o	TRD1

<sup>(1)</sup> Shaded cells indicate configuration for compatibility with the MSP430 LaunchPad.

<sup>(2)</sup> Not recommended for BoosterPack use. This signal tied to on-board function via a 0-Ω resistor.

**Table 2-6. J4 Connector**

J4 Pin	GPIO	Stellaris Pin	GPIOCTL Register Setting							
			GPIOAMSEL	1	2	3	7	8	9	14
4.01 <sup>(1)</sup>	PF2	30	–		SSI1Clk		T1CCP0			TRD0
4.02 <sup>(1)</sup>	PF3	31	–		SSI1Fs	CAN0Tx	T1CCP1			TRCLK
4.03	PB3	48	–			I2C0SDA	T3CCP1			
4.04	PC4	16	C1–	U4Rx	U1Rx		WT0CCP0	U1RTS		
4.05	PC5	15	C1+	U4Tx	U1Tx		WT0CCP1	U1CTS		
4.06	PC6	14	C0+	U3Rx			WT1CCP0			
4.07	PC7	13	C0–	U3Tx			WT1CCP1			
4.08	PD6	53	–	U2Rx			WT5CCP0			
4.09 <sup>(1)</sup>	PD7	10	–	U2Tx			WT5CCP1	NMI		
4.10 <sup>(1)</sup>	PF4	5	–				T2CCP0			

<sup>(1)</sup> Not recommended for BoosterPack use. This signal tied to on-board function via a 0-Ω resistor.

Connectors J1 and J2 of the Stellaris LM4F120 LaunchPad BoosterPack XL Interface provide compatibility with MSP430 LaunchPad BoosterPacks. Highlighted functions (shaded cells) in Table 2-3 through Table 2-5 indicate configuration for compatibility with the MSP430 LaunchPad.

A complete list of Stellaris BoosterPacks and Stellaris LaunchPad-compatible MSP430 BoosterPacks is available at [www.ti.com/stellaris-launchpad](http://www.ti.com/stellaris-launchpad).

## 2.2 Power Management

### 2.2.1 Power Supplies

The Stellaris LaunchPad can be powered from one of two power sources:

- On-board Stellaris ICDI USB cable (Debug, Default)
- USB device cable (Device)

The POWER SELECT switch (SW3) is used to select one of the two power sources. Select only one source at a time.

### 2.2.2 Hibernate

The Stellaris LaunchPad provides an external 32.768-kHz crystal (Y1) as the clock source for the LM4F120H5QR Hibernation module clock source. The current draw while in Hibernate mode can be measured by making some minor adjustments to the Stellaris LaunchPad. This procedure is explained in more detail later in this section.

The conditions that can generate a wake signal to the Hibernate module on the Stellaris LaunchPad are waking on a Real-time Clock (RTC) match and/or waking on assertion of the  $\overline{\text{WAKE}}$  pin.<sup>(1)</sup> The second user switch (SW2) is connected to the  $\overline{\text{WAKE}}$  pin on the microcontroller. The  $\overline{\text{WAKE}}$  pin, as well as the  $V_{DD}$  and  $\overline{\text{HIB}}$  pins, are easily accessible through breakout pads on the Stellaris LaunchPad. See the appended schematics for details.

There is no external battery source on the Stellaris LaunchPad Hibernation module, which means the VDD3ON power control mechanism should be used. This mechanism uses internal switches to remove power from the Cortex-M4F processor as well as to most analog and digital functions while retaining I/O pin power.

To measure the Hibernation mode current or the Run mode current, the VDD jumper that connects the 3.3 V pin and the MCU\_PWR pin must be removed. See the complete **schematics** (appended to this document) for details on these pins and component locations. An ammeter should then be placed between the 3.3 V pin and the MCU\_PWR pin to measure  $I_{DD}$  (or  $I_{HIB\_VDD3ON}$ ). The LM4F120H5QR microcontroller uses  $V_{DD}$  as its power source during  $V_{DD3ON}$  Hibernation mode, so  $I_{DD}$  is the Hibernation mode (VDD3ON mode) current. This measurement can also be taken during Run mode, which measures  $I_{DD}$  the microcontroller running current.

### 2.2.3 Clocking

The Stellaris LaunchPad uses a 16.0-MHz crystal (Y2) to complete the LM4F120H5QR microcontroller main internal clock circuit. An internal PLL, configured in software, multiplies this clock to higher frequencies for core and peripheral timing.

The Hibernation module is clocked from an external 32.768-KHz crystal (Y1).

### 2.2.4 Reset

The  $\overline{\text{RESET}}$  signal into the LM4F120H5QR microcontroller connects to the RESET switch and to the Stellaris ICDI circuit for a debugger-controlled reset.

External reset is asserted (active low) under any of three conditions:

- Power-on reset (filtered by an R-C network)
- RESET switch held down
- By the Stellaris ICDI circuit when instructed by the debugger (this capability is optional, and may not be supported by all debuggers)

<sup>(1)</sup> If the board does not turn on when you connect it to a power source, the microcontroller might be in Hibernate mode (depending on the programmed application). You must satisfy one of the programmed wake conditions and connect the power to bring the microcontroller out of Hibernate mode and turn on the board.

## 2.3 Stellaris In-Circuit Debug Interface (ICDI)

The Stellaris LaunchPad evaluation board comes with an on-board Stellaris In-Circuit Debug Interface (ICDI). The Stellaris ICDI allows for the programming and debug of the LM4F120H5QR using the LM Flash Programmer and/or any of the supported tool chains. Note that the Stellaris ICDI supports only JTAG debugging. An external debug interface can be connected for Serial Wire Debug (SWD) and SWO (trace).

[Table 2-7](#) shows the pins used for JTAG and SWD. These signals are also mapped out to easily accessible breakout pads and headers on the board.

**Table 2-7. Stellaris In-Circuit Debug Interface (ICDI) Signals**

GPIO Pin	Pin Function
PC0	TCK/SWCLK
PC1	TMS/SWDIO
PC2	TDI
PC3	TDO/SWO

### 2.3.1 Virtual COM Port

When plugged in to a PC, the device enumerates as a debugger and a virtual COM port. [Table 2-8](#) shows the connections for the COM port to the pins on the microcontroller.

**Table 2-8. Virtual COM Port Signals**

GPIO Pin	Pin Function
PA0	U0RX
PA1	U0TX

## **Software Development**

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This chapter provides general information on software development as well as instructions for Flash memory programming.

### **3.1 Software Description**

The StellarisWare software provided with the Stellaris LaunchPad provides access to all of the peripheral devices supplied in the design. The Stellaris Peripheral Driver Library is used to operate the on-chip peripherals as part of StellarisWare.

StellarisWare includes a set of example applications that use the StellarisWare Peripheral Driver Library. These applications demonstrate the capabilities of the LM4F120H5QR microcontroller, as well as provide a starting point for the development of the final application for use on the Stellaris LaunchPad evaluation board.

### **3.2 Source Code**

The complete source code including the source code installation instructions are provided at [www.ti.com/stellaris-launchpad](http://www.ti.com/stellaris-launchpad). The source code and binary files are installed in the DriverLib tree.

### **3.3 Tool Options**

The source code installation includes directories containing projects and/or makefiles for the following tool-chains:

- Keil ARM RealView® Microcontroller Development System
- IAR Embedded Workbench for ARM
- Sourcery CodeBench
- Texas Instruments' Code Composer Studio™ IDE

Download evaluation versions of these tools from [www.ti.com/stellaris](http://www.ti.com/stellaris). Due to code size restrictions, the evaluation tools may not build all example programs. A full license is necessary to re-build or debug all examples.

Instructions on installing and using each of the evaluation tools can be found in the Quickstart guides (for example, Quickstart-Keil, Quickstart-IAR) which are available for download from the evaluation kit section of the TI website at [www.ti.com/stellaris](http://www.ti.com/stellaris).

For detailed information on using the tools, see the documentation included in the tool chain installation or visit the respective web site of the tool supplier.

### 3.4 Programming the Stellaris LaunchPad Evaluation Board

The Stellaris LaunchPad software package includes pre-built binaries for each of the example applications. If you have installed StellarisWare to the default installation path of `C:\StellarisWare`, you can find the example applications in `C:\StellarisWare\boards\ek-lm4f120xl`. The on-board Stellaris ICDI is used with the Stellaris LM Flash Programmer tool to program applications on the Stellaris LaunchPad.

Follow these steps to program example applications into the Stellaris LaunchPad evaluation board using the Stellaris ICDI:

1. Install LM Flash Programmer on a PC running Microsoft® Windows®.
2. Switch the **POWER SELECT** switch to the right for Debug mode.
3. Connect the USB-A cable plug to an available port on the PC and the Micro-B plug to the **Debug** USB port on the board.
4. Verify that the POWER LED D4 on the board is lit.
5. Run the LM Flash Programmer.
6. In the Configuration tab, use the Quick Set control to select the EK-LM4F120XL evaluation board.
7. Move to the Program tab and click the **Browse** button. Navigate to the example applications directory (the default location is `C:\StellarisWare\boards\ek-lm4f120xl`).
8. Each example application has its own directory. Navigate to the example directory that you want to load and then into the directory which contains the binary (\*.bin) files. Select the binary file and click **Open**.
9. Set the **Erase Method** to *Erase Necessary Pages*, check the **Verify After Program** box, and check **Reset MCU After Program**.

Program execution starts once the Verify process is complete.

## ***References, PCB Layout, and Bill of Materials***

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### **4.1 References**

In addition to this document, the following references are available for download at [www.ti.com/stellaris](http://www.ti.com/stellaris):

- Stellaris LM4F120H5QR Microcontroller Data Sheet (literature number [SPMS294](#)).
- StellarisWare Driver Library. Available for download at [www.ti.com/tool/sw-drl](http://www.ti.com/tool/sw-drl).
- StellarisWare Driver Library User's Manual, publication SW-DRL-UG (literature number [SPMU019](#)).
- TPS73633 Low-Dropout Regulator with Reverse Current Protection Data Sheet (literature number [SBVS038](#))
- TLV803 Voltage Supervisor Data Sheet (literature number [SBVS157](#))
- Texas Instruments' Code Composer Studio IDE website: [www.ti.com/ccs](http://www.ti.com/ccs)

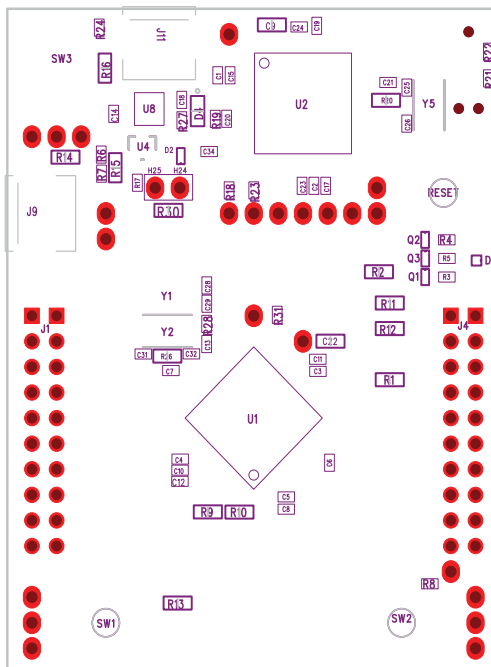
Additional support:

- RealView MDK ([www.keil.com/arm/rvmdkkit.asp](http://www.keil.com/arm/rvmdkkit.asp))
- IAR Embedded Workbench ([www.iar.com](http://www.iar.com)).
- Sourcery CodeBench development tools ([www.codesourcery.com/gnu\\_toolchains/arm](http://www.codesourcery.com/gnu_toolchains/arm)).

## 4.2 Component Locations

Plots of the top-side component locations are shown in [Figure 4-1](#) and the board dimensions are shown in [Figure 4-2](#).

**Figure 4-1. Stellaris LaunchPad Component Locations (Top View)**





**NOTE:** Units are in mils (one thousandth of an inch): 1 mil = 0.001 inch (0.0254 mm).

Table 4-1 shows the bill of materials for the EK-LM4F120XL evaluation board.

Item	Ref Des	Qty	Description	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Part No
1	C1-2, C7, C12, C14	5	Capacitor, 0402, X5R, 10 V, Low ESR	Johanson Dielectrics Inc	100R07X105KV4T
2	C25-26, C31-32	4	Capacitor, 10 pF, 50 V, 5%, NPO/COG, 0402	Murata	GRM1555C1H100JZ01D
3	C28-29	2	Capacitor, 24 pF, 50 V, 5%, NPO/COG, 0402	TDK	C1005C0G1H240J
4	C3, C5, C8, C15, C18-19, C21	7	Capacitor, 0.01 μF 25 V, 10% 0402 X7R	Taiyo Yuden	TMK105B7103KV-F
5	C4, C6, C10-11, C17, C20, C23-24	8	Capacitor, 0.1 μF 16 V, 10% 0402 X7R	Taiyo Yuden	EMK105B7104KV-F
6	C9, C22	2	Capacitor, 2.2 μF, 16 V, 10%, 0603, X5R	Murata	GRM188R61C225KE15D
7	D1	1	LED, Tri-Color RGB, 0404 SMD Common Anode	Everlight	18-038/RSGHBHC1-S02/2T
8	D2	1	Diode, Dual Schottky, SC70, BAS70 Common Cathode	Diodes Inc	BAS70W-05-7-F
9	D4	1	LED, Green 565 nm, Clear 0805 SMD	Lite-On	LTST-C171GKT
10	H24	1	Header, 1x2, 0.100, T-Hole, Vertical Unshrouded, 0.220 Mate	3M	961102-6404-AR
				FCI	68001-102HLF
11	H25	1	Jumper, 0.100, Gold, Black, Closed	Sullins	SPC02SYAN

**Table 4-1. EK-LM4F120 Bill of Materials (continued)**

Item	Ref Des	Qty	Description	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Part No
12	J1, J4	2	Header, 2x10, T-Hole Vertical unshrouded stacking	Samtec	SSW-110-23-S-D
13	J9, J11	2	USB Connectors Micro B Recept RA SMT BTTM MNT	Hirose	ZX62-B-5PA
14	Q1-3	3	NPN SC70 pre-biased	Diodes Inc	DTC114EET1G
15	R1-2, R9-16, R20, R26	12	Resistor, 0 Ω 1/10W 0603 SMD	Panasonic	ERJ-3GEY0R00V
16	R3-5, R8, R27	5	Resistor, 330 Ω, 1/10W, 5%, 0402	Yageo	RC0402FR-07330RL
17	R,6 R17-19, R21-23, R28	8	Resistor, 10 kΩ, 1/10W, 5%, 0402 Thick Film	Yageo	RC0402FR-0710KL
18	R7, R31	2	Resistor, 1 MΩ 1/10W, 5%, 0402	RQ	MCR01MRTF1004
19	RESET SW1, SW2	3	Switch, Tact 6 mm SMT, 160gf	Omron	B3S-1000
20	SW3	1	Switch, DPDT, SMT 300 mA × 2 at 6 V	C K Components	JS202011SCQN
21	U1, U2	2	Stellaris MCU LM4F120H5QRFIGA3	Texas Instruments	LM4F120H5QRFIG
22	U4	1	IC, Single Voltage Supervisor, 5 V, DBV	Texas Instruments	TLV803MDBZR
23	U8	1	Regulator, 3.3 V, 400 mA, LDO	Texas Instruments	TPS73633DRBT
24	Y1	1	Crystal, 32.768 kHz Radial Can	Abracon	AB26TRB-32.768KHZ- T
25	Y2, Y5	2	Crystal, 16.00 MHz 5.0x3.2mm SMT	NDK	NX5032GA-16.000000 MHz
				Abracon	ABM3-16.000 MHz-B2- T
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26	C31, C34	2	Capacitor, 0.1 μF 16 V, 10% 0402 X7R	Taiyo Yuden	EMK105B7104KV-F
27	R24	1	Resistor, 330 Ω, 1/10W, 5%, 0402	Yageo	RC0402FR-07330RL
28	R30	1	Resistor, 0 Ω 1/10W 0603 SMD	Panasonic	ERJ-3GEY0R00V

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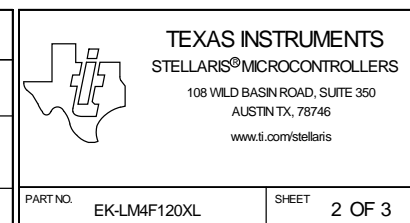
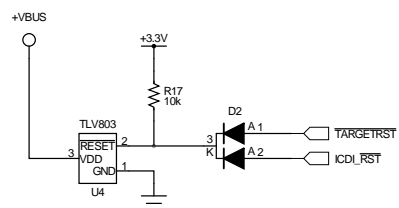
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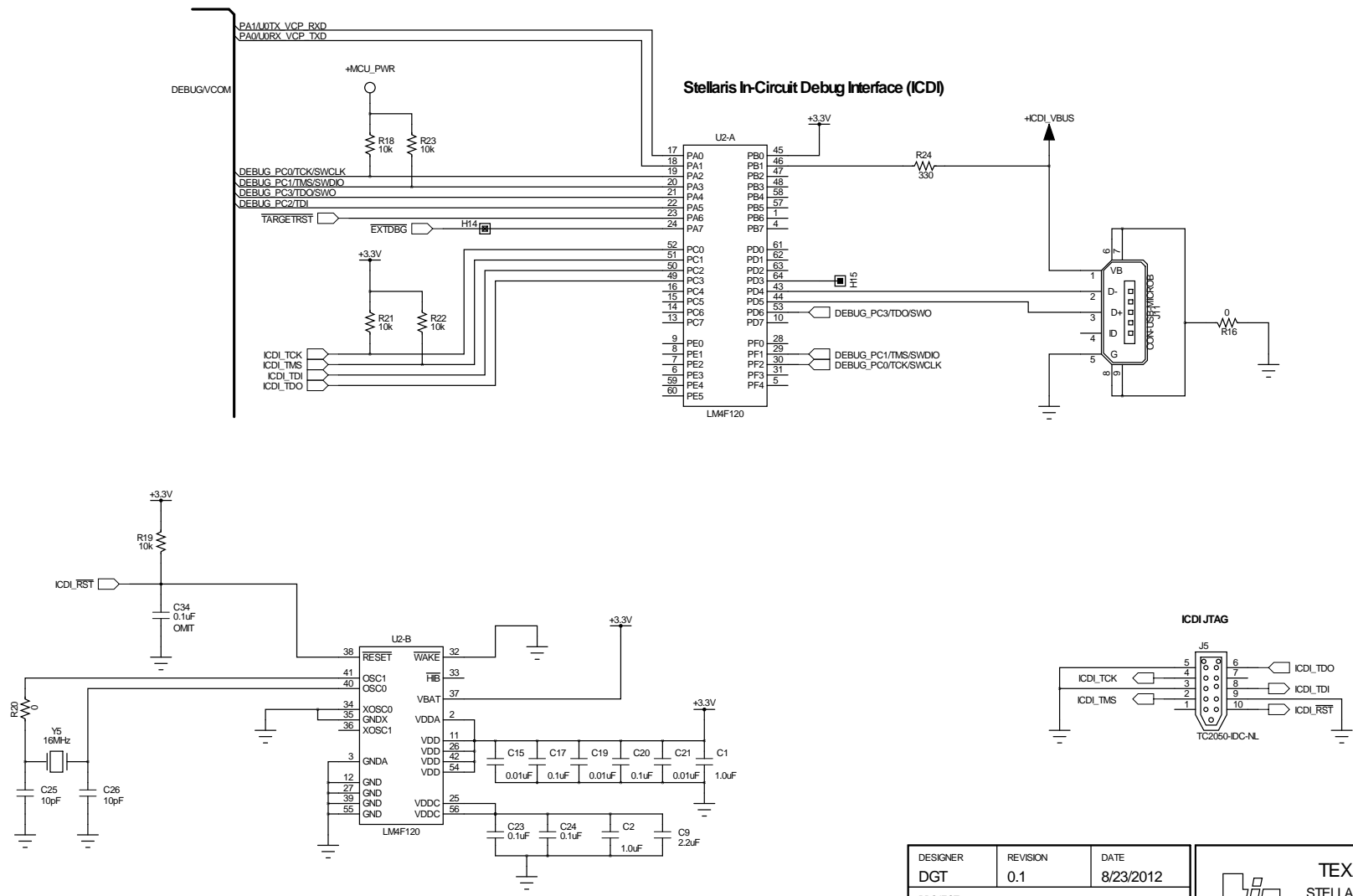
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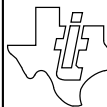
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- Stellaris In-Circuit Debug Interface







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# **430BOOST-SENSE1 - Capacitive Touch BoosterPack for the LaunchPad**

## **User's Guide**



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User's guides and detailed information on setting up a project for the MSP430 using Code Composer Studio or IAR Embedded Workbench can be found at the *Tools & Software* section of the MSP430 landing page [www.ti.com/msp430](http://www.ti.com/msp430).

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This equipment is intended for use in a laboratory test environment only. It generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and has not been tested for compliance with the limits of computing devices pursuant to subpart J of part 15 of FCC rules, which are designed to provide reasonable protection against radio frequency interference. Operation of this equipment in other environments may cause interference with radio communications, in which case, the user will be required to take whatever measures may be required to correct this interference his own expense.





# **430BOOST-SENSE1 - Capacitive Touch BoosterPack for the LaunchPad**

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## **1 430BOOST-SENSE1 Overview**

### **1.1 Overview**

The 430BOOST-SENSE1 Capacitive Touch BoosterPack is the first extension module for the MSP-EXP430G2 MSP430 LaunchPad Value Line Development Kit (see [Figure 1](#)). Extension modules such as this one, designed specifically for the LaunchPad, are called BoosterPacks, and each features an application example for one of the MSP430 Value Line devices. The BoosterPacks can be connected to the MSP-EXP430G2 with both 10-pin male headers (included in MSP-EXP430G2 kit) soldered onto the board and, therefore, use all available pins on the MSP430G2452 Value Line device.



**Figure 1. Capacitive Sense BoosterPack With LaunchPad**

The Capacitive Sense BoosterPack is available for purchase from the TI eStore:  
<https://estore.ti.com/430BOOST-SENSE1-Capacitive-Touch-BoosterPack-P2361C42.aspx>.

The Capacitive Sense BoosterPack features the new MSP430G2xx2 devices, which are capable of driving up to 16 touch-sense enabled I/O pins. The included MSP430G2452 device allows for low-cost capacitive-sensing and approximation-sensing applications without the use of any external components. The BoosterPack includes a capacitive sense board and an MSP430G2452 device preprogrammed with a demo application. The user experience application demonstrates capacitive sense as standalone feature by showing the user interaction directly with the onboard LEDs, by a GUI, or by an application example on a Microsoft Windows PC.

430BOOST-SENSE1 features:

- Nine LEDs giving instant feedback to user interaction
- Six touch-sense areas (a button, a 4-element wheel, and a proximity sensor)
- One preprogrammed MSP430G2452 device

For latest information on the LaunchPad, other available BoosterPacks, software examples, and how to program the included MSP430G2452 device, see the *MSP-EXP430G2 LaunchPad Experimenter Board User's Guide* ([SLAU318](#)) or the LaunchPad wiki page [processors.wiki.ti.com/index.php/MSP430\\_LaunchPad\\_\(MSP-EXP430G2\)](http://processors.wiki.ti.com/index.php/MSP430_LaunchPad_(MSP-EXP430G2)).

## 1.2 Kit Contents

The 430BOOST-SENSE1 kit includes two components:

- One Capacitive Touch BoosterPack board with nine LEDs and six sensor areas
- One preprogrammed MSP430G2452 device

This device is a low-power 16-bit microcontroller with an 8-channel 10-bit ADC, comparator, universal serial interface that supports SPI and I2C, 8kB flash memory, and 256B RAM memory

## 2 Getting Started With 430BOOST-SENSE1 BoosterPack

The following sections describe the preparation necessary to run the user experience application demo and to start developing applications with the MSP430G2452 for the Capacitive Touch BoosterPack.

### 2.1 Hardware Preparation

To prepare the Capacitive Touch BoosterPack hardware for its first use:

1. Solder both 10-pin male headers onto the LaunchPad's breakout pin connections J1 and J2. These two 10-pin male headers and two 10-pin female headers come with the original LaunchPad kit.

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**NOTE:** If the 10-pin female headers are populated, use the 10-pin male headers as adapter to further extend the connections to the LaunchPad. The additional distance adds minimal base capacitance and does not affect the user experience of the kit.

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2. Remove the J5 connections on the LaunchPad to disconnect the LaunchPad LEDs and keep them from interfering with P1.0 and P1.6 functions of the Capacitive Sense BoosterPack.
3. Ensure jumpers VCC, TXD, and RXD of the J3 connection are populated for the user experience demo to operate properly.

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**NOTE:** The jumpers RST and TEST must also be populated when programming the device. They are not required for normal application operation.

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4. Replace the existing MSP430 device in the LaunchPad MCU socket with the MSP430G2452 device that comes with the Capacitive Sense BoosterPack kit.

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**NOTE:** Some revision 1.4 LaunchPad kits need a firmware update to support the MSP430G2452 devices; see FAQ #1 in [Section 6](#).

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5. Connect the Capacitive Sense BoosterPack board to the LaunchPad with proper orientation by ensuring that the Texas Instruments logo and the text on the BoosterPack are in the same direction as the text and logo on the Launchpad.
6. Connect the LaunchPad with an USB cable to a PC or connect an external power supply (2.7 V to 3.6 V) to J6. The user experience demo application lights the center LED when power is supplied to the board.

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**NOTE:** The 32-kHz crystal/oscillator on pins 18 and 19 is not required for the user experience application to run.

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### 2.2 Software Preparation

The steps described in the following sections are not required for a LaunchPad Capacitive Touch BoosterPack stand-alone demo. For all other purposes that require PC software interaction, proper installation of the hardware driver and the software is required. To develop applications, its also necessary to install one of the IDEs shown on the Tools and Software section of the MSP430 landing page [www.ti.com/msp430](http://www.ti.com/msp430). More information on how to start developing applications for the LaunchPad and how to install the drivers and IDEs that it requires can be found on the LaunchPad wiki page [http://processors.wiki.ti.com/index.php/MSP430\\_LaunchPad\\_\(MSP-EXP430G2\)](http://processors.wiki.ti.com/index.php/MSP430_LaunchPad_(MSP-EXP430G2)).

All LaunchPad Capacitive Touch BoosterPack User Experience firmware and software described in the following sections are provided in both binary/executable and source code forms, along with drivers and supporting documentation. [10] A zip file containing these items can be downloaded from [www.ti.com/lit/zip/slac490](http://www.ti.com/lit/zip/slac490).

The same software package link and updates can also be found on the LaunchPad wiki page [http://processors.wiki.ti.com/index.php/MSP430\\_LaunchPad\\_\(MSP-EXP430G2\)](http://processors.wiki.ti.com/index.php/MSP430_LaunchPad_(MSP-EXP430G2)). When this package is installed, all user experience application demos are stored in the *Software* folder in the selected installation directory, and the source code for the projects can be found in the *Source* folder.

### 2.2.1 LaunchPad USB Driver

For the PC to communicate with the LaunchPad hardware, the LaunchPad USB driver must be installed. If this is the first time the LaunchPad is connected to the PC, install the USB serial COM port driver located at [INSTALL\_PATH]\LaunchPad\_Driver\LaunchPad\_Driver.exe.

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**NOTE:** The LaunchPad USB drivers are integrated into the IDE installer packages from Code Composer Studio (version 4+) or IAR Embedded Workbench (version 5.20+) and do not require a second installation if an IDE has already been installed.

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### 2.2.2 Locate Software Programs

Two software programs are provided to work with the LaunchPad Capacitive Touch BoosterPack user experience demo. They are both installed to the [INSTALL\_PATH]\Software folder. All software and firmware examples are also available as source code in the capacitive touch software package.

## 2.3 Capacitive Touch User Experience

The Capacitive Touch User Experience consists of three projects:

- The firmware application that can operate in stand-alone mode (LaunchPad Capacitive Touch BoosterPack Firmware Demo)
- A processing GUI that displays the information from the LaunchPad Capacitive Touch BoosterPack visually (LaunchPad Capacitive Touch BoosterPack GUI Demo)
- A Visual Studio program that uses the LaunchPad Capacitive Touch BoosterPack input to control media in Windows (MediaPad).

### 2.3.1 LaunchPad Capacitive Touch BoosterPack Firmware Demo

The application described in this section can be used as either a stand-alone demo (no PC required) or as a demo with PC applications running. If PC application is desired, make sure to start the PC application execution before proceeding with step 2.

1. Plug the LaunchPad with Capacitive Touch BoosterPack into a USB source (such as USB port on PC, USB hub, or USB battery pack) via the mini-USB connector or to a battery pack via the power pin connector J6. The User Experience application starts up and remains in sleep mode, with only the center LED on.
2. Slowly wave your hand or finger approximately 3 to 5 cm above the BoosterPack to trigger the proximity sensor and to wake the device. During the wake-up period, the LEDs surrounding the wheel light in a wake-up sequence, starting with a slow clockwise rotation and ending with a fast counter-clockwise rotation. As this sequence ends, the device enters active mode.
3. To perform a touch, firmly press any position on the wheel or the center button. Make sure to keep your finger between the circles of the wheel.
  - Upon releasing a touch on the center button, the center LED toggles.
  - Touching a wheel position lights up the corresponding LEDs.
4. To perform a gesture, slide your finger along the wheel without releasing it from the wheel. The corresponding LEDs trace and follow the touch and gesture.
5. After a short time of no capacitive touch activity, the board returns to sleep mode. Only the center LED stays on.
6. Go back to step 2 to re-enable the application active mode.

### 2.3.2 LaunchPad Capacitive Touch BoosterPack GUI Demo

This section describes how to run the application on both the LaunchPad Capacitive Touch BoosterPack and the PC. It assumes that the hardware is connected to the PC via USB cable (see step 1 of [Section 2.3.1](#)) and that the software has been installed (see [Section 2.2](#)).

The following steps correspond to the instructions in [Section 2.3.1](#).

1. Start the CapTouch\_BoosterPack\_UserExperience\_GUI.exe application located at [INSTALL\_PATH]\Software\CapTouch\_BoosterPack\_UserExperience\_GUI\.

When the GUI starts, it checks for a valid LaunchPad USB serial COM port. If no compatible port connection is available, the GUI prompts user to plug in the LaunchPad Capacitive Touch BoosterPack (see [Figure 2](#)). The GUI continues normally if it detects that a LaunchPad is plugged into the PC.



**Figure 2. PC GUI Looking for LaunchPad**

2. At start-up or after long period of inactivity, the device enters sleep mode and the GUI is disabled (grayed out) to indicate sleep mode (see [Figure 3](#)). Upon proximity sensor detection (for example, wave your hand approximately 3 to 5 cm above the BoosterPack) the device returns to active mode and enables the GUI.

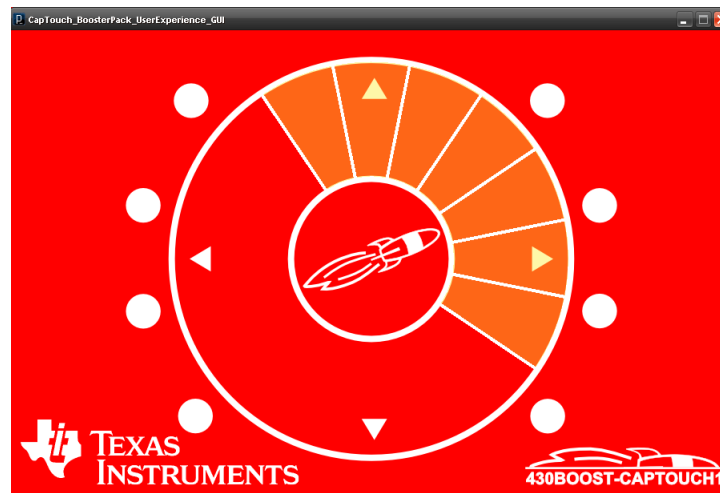


**Figure 3. PC GUI in Sleep Mode**

3. The 'Center Button' press data toggles the center circle color, mimicking the behavior of the center LED on the BoosterPack.

The 'Wheel Tap' is represented by lighting up a single slice on the wheel and displaying the field number on the top left corner of the PC GUI.

4. The gesture tracking (Start, Stop, and Update) is visualized on the wheel with the coloring of the wheel slices (see [Figure 4](#)). Gesture can be tracked for several revolutions of the wheel, in both clockwise and counter-clockwise directions<sup>(1)</sup>.



**Figure 4. PC GUI in Active Mode**

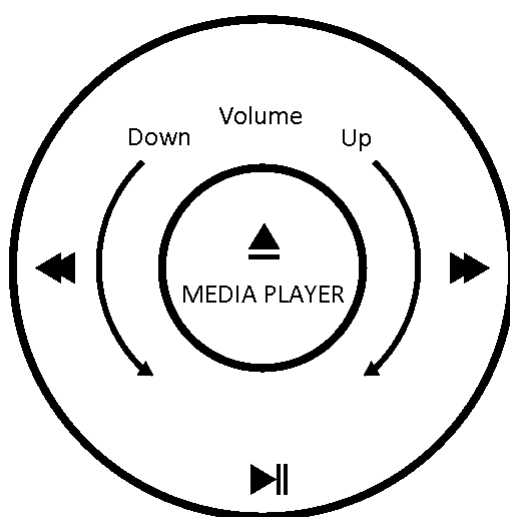
5. After a short time when no capacitive touch activity is detected, the board returns to sleep mode and the GUI is disabled.

### 2.3.3 MediaPad

This section describes instructions to run the MediaPad application on the LaunchPad Capacitive Touch BoosterPack and the PC. It assumes that the hardware is connected to the PC via USB cable (see step 1 of [Section 2.3.1](#)) and that the software has been installed (see [Section 2.2](#)).

1. Start the MediaPad.exe application located at [INSTALL\_PATH]\Software\MediaPad\
2. At startup, the application searches for a LaunchPad or an eZ430 emulator compatible USB serial COM port.  
If no compatible COM port is found, the application displays an error message and then exits.  
If a LaunchPad COM port is found, the application displays a greeting message. When the user closes the message, the application minimizes itself to the taskbar.
3. When the LaunchPad Capacitive Touch BoosterPack is in sleep mode, no data is transferred and no activity occurs in the program. Use hand/finger wave motion to trigger the proximity sensor and wake up the device.
4. The following touches or gestures can be used for media control in a Windows system (see [Figure 5](#)).
  - (a) Center button press: Start media player (Windows Media Player by default)
  - (b) Bottom arrow button press: Play/Pause
  - (c) Left arrow button press: Previous Track
  - (d) Right arrow button press: Next Track
  - (e) Scroll wheel clockwise: Volume Up
  - (f) Scroll wheel counter-clockwise: Volume Down

<sup>(1)</sup> Using the wheel, a hidden mode can be unlocked. Input the correct sequence (similar to a rotational combination lock) to reveal a secret.



**Figure 5. MediaPad**

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**NOTE:** The Microsoft .NET runtime library is required to run the MediaPad software. While most recent Windows PCs have the .Net runtime library installed, a new or reinstall of the library might be necessary.

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### 3 Capacitive Touch BoosterPack Hardware

As shown in Figure 6 and Table 1, the Capacitive Touch BoosterPack is a typical capacitive touch application example for the new MSP430G2xx2 touch-sense enabled I/O pins. The board shows three different capacitive sensor types: a single button in the middle, a wheel made of four single capacitive sensors, and a proximity sensor around the edge of the PCB. In addition, there are nine LEDs on the board to give instant feedback to user interaction. The eight LEDs around the wheel are multiplexed to increase their number without using too many of the microcontrollers I/O pins. By using a time-shared signal, only five I/O pins are used to drive all eight LEDs.

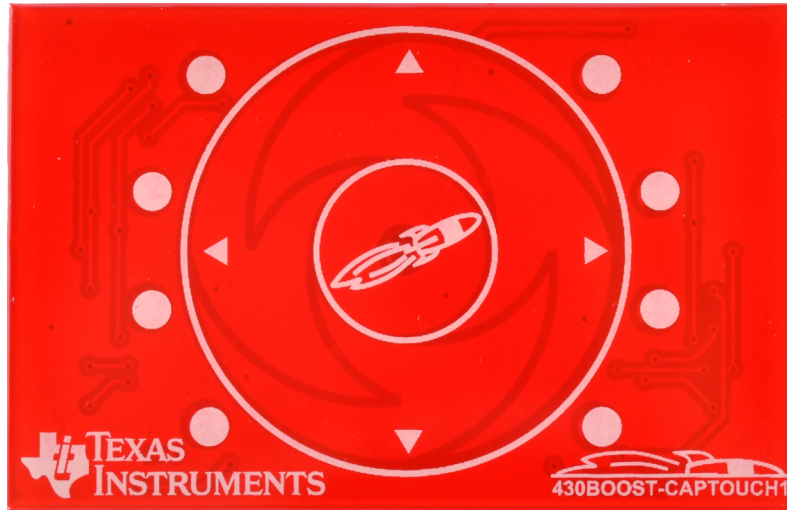


Figure 6. Capacitive Sense BoosterPack Hardware

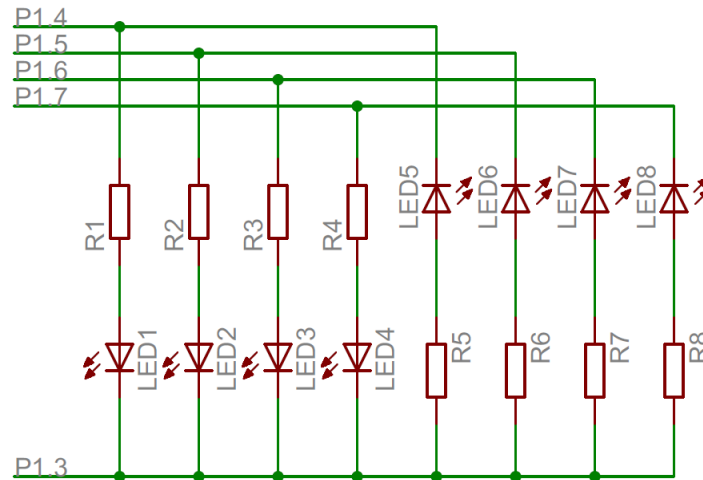
Table 1. BoosterPack Interface

Pin	MSP430 Port	BoosterPack Signal	Description
1	VCC	NC	Supply voltage, not connected to BoosterPack
2	P1.0	LED9	The white center LED
3	P1.1/TXD	NC	Backchannel UART transmit data output, not connected to BoosterPack
4	P1.2/RXD	NC	Backchannel UART receive data input, not connected to BoosterPack
5	P1.3	LEDx	LED base to drive the eight multiplexed LEDs
6	P1.4	LED1	LED1 positive and LED5 negative drive
7	P1.5	LED2	LED2 positive and LED6 negative drive
8	P2.0	SENS0	Touch-sense proximity sensor
9	P2.1	SENS1	Touch-sense wheel sensor left
10	P2.2	SENS2	Touch-sense wheel sensor down
11	P2.3	SENS3	Touch-sense wheel sensor right
12	P2.4	SENS4	Touch-sense wheel sensor up
13	P2.5	SENS5	Touch-sense center button sensor
14	P1.6	LED3	LED3 positive and LED7 negative drive
15	P1.7	LED4	LED4 positive and LED8 negative drive
16	RST/SBWTIO	NC	Reset line for SBW JTAG data, not connected to BoosterPack
17	TEST/SBWTCK	NC	Test line for SBW JTAG clock, not connected to BoosterPack
18	P2.6/XOUT	NC	Oscillator output, not connected to BoosterPack
19	P2.7/XIN	NC	Oscillator input, not connected to BoosterPack
20	GND	GND	Supply ground

### 3.1 Driving the LEDs

The white center LED is connected to port P1.0 of the Value Line device and can be turned on by setting this port as output. The other eight LEDs are multiplexed as shown in [Figure 7](#). Four LEDs are connected with the diode cathodes to the ports P1.4 to P1.7, and the other four LEDs are connected with the diode anodes. All LEDs are connected to port P1.3 to either source or drain four LEDs at any one time. To drive a particular set of these eight LEDs, two steps are required:

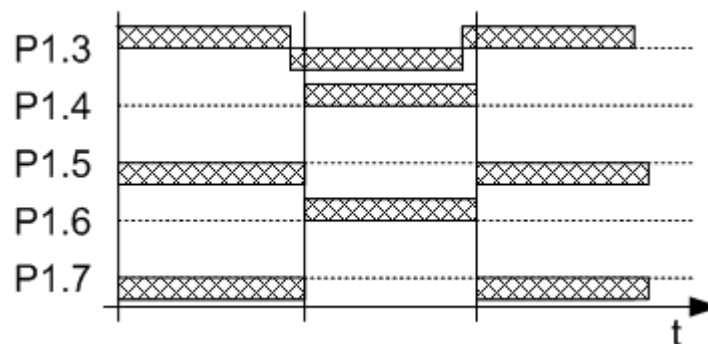
1. Port P1.3 acts as GND drain, so that the first nibble can drive LED1 to LED4 directly. The other LEDs are not active during this time.
2. Port P1.3 acts as a VCC source to light LED5 to LED8. The pattern for the second nibble must be inverted and set to port P1.4 to P1.7.



**Figure 7. Schematic LED Multiplexing**

Switching between modes can be controlled by a timer and has to be at least 100 times a second to generate the illusion of a constant light pattern. To reduce glitches while switching the LED modes, it is recommended to set the LED signals that are not being driven to input mode. [Figure 8](#) shows the signals of all the LED driving pins required to light up LED1, LED3, LED6, and LED7. The mode on P1.3 can be set before or after the LED settings, as long as the unused LEDs are set to input mode.

**NOTE:** The current user experience implementation is not using a time-shared approach to drive the LEDs, due to the shared CPU and timer resources utilized by the Capacitive Touch Sense Library [7] functions and the UART transmissions.

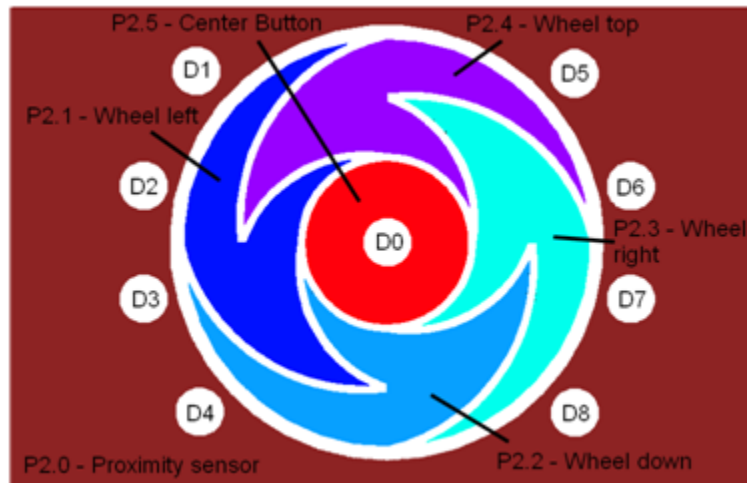


**Figure 8. Driving LEDs**

## 3.2 Capacitive Touch Sensors

The six different capacitive touch sensor areas are connected to the Port 2 of the device. On the MSP430 Value Line devices with enabled touch-sense, Port 2 I/Os have no analog functionality. These I/Os also have a smaller internal capacitance than Port 1, which make these them more sensitive than the capacitive touch sensors on Port 1.

Figure 9 shows the connection of the capacitive touch sensor areas to the MSP430.



**Figure 9. Capacitive Touch Sensor Areas**

To enable the touch-sense feature of the I/Os, set the secondary port select PxSEL2 and clear the PxSEL bit. The selected pins start oscillating immediately, and the frequency is a direct indication of the capacitance connected to the port pin. The touch-sense I/Os oscillate within a frequency range of 1 to 2 MHz, which is strongly dependant on the supply voltage, the device package, and environmental influences. For more information about the touch-sense feature of the Value Line devices, to download code example, or to find application examples, go to the Capacitive Touch BoosterPack wiki page ([http://processors.wiki.ti.com/index.php/MSP430\\_LaunchPad\\_\(MSP-EXP430G2\)](http://processors.wiki.ti.com/index.php/MSP430_LaunchPad_(MSP-EXP430G2))) or get the MSP430 Capacitive Touch Sense Library (<http://focus.ti.com/docs/toolsw/folders/print/capsenselibrary.html>), which is used in the application demo included in this kit.

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**NOTE:** The Capacitive Touch BoosterPack hardware can also be used with other MSP430 devices. Resistors R10 to R15 must be populated with a resistor to realize a RC discharge that can be measured with a timer.

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## 4 LaunchPad Capacitive Touch BoosterPack User Experience Firmware

This section describes the firmware application that is provided with the project. Detailed information on the project construction, use of the Capacitive Touch Sense Library, and how to set up and import the projects is included. Source code for the MSP430G2452 firmware application is installed to the [INSTALL\_PATH]\Source\ folder as described in [Section 2.2](#).

The User Experience application operates on the LaunchPad platform using the MSP430G2452 device and the Capacitive Touch BoosterPack plugin board. The capacitive touch and proximity sensing are enabled by the pin oscillator feature, which is new to the MSP430G2xx2 family devices. The User Experience application also uses the Capacitive Touch Sense Library [7] to realize and measure the capacitive touch and proximity sensors. The Capacitive Touch Sense Library provides layers of abstraction to generate higher logical outputs such as logical touches and their position (in this hardware, a four-button wheel).

The User Experience application starts in sleep mode, sampling the proximity sensor approximately every 8.3 ms ( $VLO / 100 = 12 \text{ kHz} / 100 = 120 \text{ Hz}$ ). Upon registering a valid proximity event (for example, a hand, finger, or object hovering approximately 3 to 5 cm from the BoosterPack), the application enters the active mode. During the wake-up period, the LEDs surrounding the wheel light in a wake-up sequence, starting with a slow clockwise sequence and ending with a fast counter-clockwise sequence. As this sequence ends, the device enters active mode.

In active mode, the application samples and registers individual finger touches on the 16-position wheel or the center button. It also recognizes simple gestures (clockwise and counter-clockwise) when the finger moves along and remains on the wheel. Upon wheel position detection, the corresponding LEDs surrounding the wheel light up accordingly. Each individual tap on the center capacitive touch button toggles the center LED.

After a short time without any touch activity (on the wheel or on the center button), the application returns to sleep mode, enabling only the proximity sensor periodically.

A 9600-baud UART link is also implemented using software Timer\_A to provide application and capacitive sensing data to the PC via the UART-USB back channel. The application sends UART data on events such as wake up, sleep, touch, or gesture.

For more detailed information on the firmware project, see the source code and the associated ReadMe.txt.

### 4.1 Import Project in CCS

To import the project into CCS:

1. Open CCS.
2. Select a new project workspace outside of the project folder<sup>(1)</sup>.
3. Select Project-->Import Existing Project.
4. Browse to the [PROJECT\_ROOT]\CCS folder.
5. Make sure that "Copy projects into workspace" is not checked.
6. Click Finish

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**NOTE:** For CCS, while project root is in the outer directory, the CCS project files are located inside CCS. To enable the portability of the project, the file macros.ini is created to define the root. Additionally, all project code files (.c, .h) are added as linked resources with their relative path to the project root.

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### 4.2 Open Project and Workspace in IAR Embedded Workbench

To open the project in IAR Embedded Workbench:

1. Browse to the [PROJECT\_ROOT]\IAR folder.
2. Open the Sense\_BoosterPack\_UserExperience.eww workspace.

<sup>(1)</sup> The workspace should be in an independent folder, not containing or contained by the project/package folder.

### 4.3 Capacitive Touch Sense Library

The Capacitive Touch Sense Library ([CAPSENSELIBRARY](#)) is a configurable tool to abstract the various peripheral settings from the application and perform several capacitive touch functions through API calls. The following describes the configuration of the library to support the Capacitive Touch BoosterPack, the methodology to calibrate the different elements, and how the API calls are used in the application to create the user experience.

#### 1. Configuration

The first step in the configuration process is identifying the methodology used to measure the capacitance. For the Capacitive Touch BoosterPack, the goal is to highlight the new PinOsc feature; therefore, an RO implementation is chosen, and the relaxation oscillator is implemented with the PinOsc. The RO implementation requires two timers (hardware or software timers): an interval timer (gate) and a frequency counter. The frequency counter is implemented with the Timer\_A0 peripheral, and the interval timer is implemented with the WDT+.

The Capacitive Touch BoosterPack is represented in the various structures defined in the file `structure.c`. The element structures define the GPIO and the performance characteristics of each element. The GPIOs are defined first, the appropriate sensor characteristics are defined, and the performance characteristics are measured and added.

The sensor structure groups elements as appropriate and identifies the measurement characteristic for that group, namely the interval period. For the RO method, increasing the interval time increases the sensitivity; however, this is at the cost of response time, which is critical for supporting the PC GUI in this application.

The proximity sensor uses an SMCLK of 125 kHz. For the button and wheel, the frequency is increased to 1 MHz. The interval count is 8192: 8.192-ms gate time for the button and wheel elements and 65.5-ms gate time for the proximity element. The wheel is a special kind of sensor in which each element contributes to the sensor performance. The wheel is made up of four elements divided into 64 points or sections and requires that the cumulative response exceed 75 percent. This percentage is based upon the normalized response where meeting the threshold would represent 0% and the maximum response would represent 100%. This is to account for cases when the interaction is near the edges of the wheel instead of the middle.

#### 2. Calibration

The calibration of the middle button and the proximity sensor are relatively straight forward, because the desired output is a binary indication of whether or not the threshold is exceeded. Using a controlled test fixture to represent the minimum touch (distance in the case of the proximity sensor), the values are recorded and input as the threshold value in the element structure.

The calibration for the wheel is more complicated, as several measurements are required at various positions. See the "Sensor Arrays: Wheels and Sliders" section in the *Capacitive Touch Sense Library User's Guide* ([SLAA490](#)) for a detailed explanation.

The calibration values for each element are recorded in the element structure in the file `structure.c`.

### 3. API Calls

There are five API functions that are called several times in the application.

- The TI\_CAPT\_Init\_Baseline and TI\_CAPT\_Update\_Baseline functions initialize and update, respectively, the baseline tracking performed by the library. Typically, these functions are called at the beginning of an application or after long periods of inactivity. In this application, the initialization and updates are performed after a power-up sequence and before a transition from the sleep (polling proximity sensor only) to active (polling button and wheel only). These functions are used at the transitions, because it is unknown how old the previous measurements are and if these still represent the current environment.
- The TI\_CAPT\_Custom function measures the proximity sensor. The variable dCnt is updated with the measured value. In this application, this variable is compared to a threshold value. Because this is a simple On/Off function, the TI\_CAPT\_Button function could have been used but, for demonstration purposes, the TI\_CAPT\_Custom function was chosen. When a threshold crossing is detected, an LED sequence is started, and the application transitions to the active state (polling the wheel and middle button). One possible enhancement of the proximity sensor application is to enable several different thresholds and indicate how close the user is with the LEDs on the BoosterPack.
- The TI\_CAPT\_Button function determines if the middle button has been detected. This function returns either a 1 to indicate a threshold crossing (touch) or a 0 to indicate that no touch was detected. The middle LED is illuminated to indicate a touch.
- The TI\_CAPT\_Wheel function indicates the position on the wheel if it was touched or returns a defined value if no touch was detected. This information is used by the application for gesture recognition (which is sent to the PC) and for illuminating the eight LEDs around the board.

For more information on the library, see the *Capacitive Touch Sense Library User's Guide* ([SLAA490](#)).



## 5 LaunchPad Capacitive Touch BoosterPack User Experience Software

### 5.1 LaunchPad Capacitive Touch BoosterPack User Experience GUI

Written in Processing, this Windows PC GUI application communicates with the LaunchPad to receive specific capacitive touch data from the LaunchPad Capacitive Touch BoosterPack and provides the visualization of that data in the GUI. Processing is a platform-independent open-source programming language and environment, specializing in visual arts, graphics, and interactive applications.

The GUI uses a small .NET utility (FindAppUART.exe) to automatically detect a proper LaunchPad/430Emulator device connected to the PC USB port. Upon correct USB COM port discovery, the application initiates a 9600-baud UART connection and starts receiving data.

The GUI processes event and capacitive touch data and visualizes the data on the GUI in a 16-slice wheel formation. Individual touches as well as gestures can be tracked in real time.

Further description of the behavior can be found in [Section 2.3.2](#) and the ReadMe.txt in the project source code directory.

The application also takes advantage of the serial library for USB COM serial communication, and the sound library pitaru.sonia\_v2\_9 (available at <http://sonia.pitaru.com/download.htm>) for audio effects.

#### 5.1.1 Requirements

The following utilities and libraries are required when modifying the User Experience source code.

- Processing ([www.processing.org](http://www.processing.org))
- Serial library (included with Processing installation)
- pitaru.sonia\_v2\_9 sound library ([sonia.pitaru.com/download.htm](http://sonia.pitaru.com/download.htm))
- FindAppUART.exe (included .NET utility)

### 5.2 MediaPad

The program MediaPad, written using Visual Studio, translates capacitive touch data from the LaunchPad Capacitive Touch BoosterPack into Microsoft Windows virtual keystrokes for Windows media control. The application implements auto-detection code that automatically finds a LaunchPad-compatible USB COM port before establishing the proper connection. Further behavior of the application is described in [Section 2.3.2](#) and the ReadMe.txt in the project source code directory.

#### 5.2.1 Requirements

When modifying the MediaPad source code, Microsoft Visual C++ 2010 Redistributable Package (included in any version of Visual Studio 2010) (available at <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads>) is required.

### 5.3 UART Communication Protocol

For each event (wake up, go to sleep, touch/press, or gesture), a UART packet of two bytes is sent via the application UART backchannel of the LaunchPad. The packets are specified as follows:

- WAKE UP [due to proximity sensor detection]: 0xBE 0xEF
- SLEEP [after period of inactivity]: 0xDE 0xAD
- CENTER BUTTON PRESS: 0x80 0x80
- WHEEL POSITION TOUCH/PRESS: 0x3z 0x3z  
z = touch position 0x0 to 0xF, one nibble
- GESTURE START: 0xFC 0x2z  
z = touch position 0x0 to 0xF, one nibble
- GESTURE STOP: 0xFB 0xFB
- GESTURE and GESTURE END POSITION : 0xGG 0x2  
GG = a binary number  
MSB is direction: 0 = clockwise, 1 = counter-clockwise  
7 LSBs = count of gesture movement  
z = ending position of the immediate gesture, 0x0 to 0xF, one nibble.

The PC application can receive and decipher the UART information to translate it into appropriate actions.



## 6 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), Tips, and Tricks

1. The LaunchPad is unable to program the MSP430G2452.  
Some of the revision 1.4 LaunchPad kits must have a firmware update to support the MSP430G2452 devices. Update the LaunchPad firmware with the application provided at [processors.wiki.ti.com/index.php/MSP430\\_LaunchPad\\_Firmware\\_Update](http://processors.wiki.ti.com/index.php/MSP430_LaunchPad_Firmware_Update).
2. The touch-sense I/Os are not working when the LaunchPad is picked up.  
Place the board flat on a table or other stable horizontal surface before using the Capacitive Touch BoosterPack. Do not hold the board while it is in use; the contacts on the back of the Capacitive Touch BoosterPack may be touched, which prevents the touch-sense I/Os from detecting user interaction.
3. My application is not able to light up all the LEDs.  
The LEDs around the wheel are multiplexed; therefore, they cannot all be turned on simultaneously. Its required to use a time-shared approach to light up all LEDs at once (see [Section 3.1](#)).
4. The button or the wheel is sometimes fails to detect the first touch.  
Make sure to wave your hand 3 to 5 cm above the board to wake the device before actually touch the wheel or button. The capacitive sensors are activated immediately after the wake-up sequence is finished.
5. Windows Media Player is not starting.  
Loading Windows Media Player might take some time, depending on the system. On some systems, another media player program is associated with the Windows media keys.

## 7 References

The primary sources of MSP430 information are the device-specific data sheets and user's guides. The most up-to-date versions of the documents can be found at the Texas Instruments MSP430 web page. [1] All MSP430 LaunchPad and BoosterPack information can be found at the MSP430 LaunchPad wiki. [2]

The MSP430 LaunchPad and Value Line devices are supported in the latest versions of Code Composer Studio [3] and IAR Embedded Workbench [4]. In-depth details on the supported IDEs (CCS and IAR) can be found in the documentation folders of the IDE installation. IAR tool documentation (Workbench/C-SPY, the assembler, the C compiler, the linker, and the library) is in the common\doc and 430\doc folders. CCS documents is in the msp430\doc folder under the CCS installation path.

The FET user's guides [5] [6] also include detailed information on how to set up a project for the MSP430 using CCS or IAR Embedded Workbench. These user's guide are also included in the latest IDE releases.

1. <http://www.ti.com/msp430>
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5. *Code Composer Studio v4.2 for MSP430(tm) User's Guide* ([SLAU157](#))
6. *IAR Embedded Workbench Version 3+ for MSP430(tm) User's Guide* ([SLAU138](#))
7. Capacitive Touch Sense Library (CAPSENSELIBRARY) (<http://focus.ti.com/docs/toolsw/folders/print/capsenselibrary.html>)
8. *Capacitive Touch Sense Library User's Guide* ([SLAA490](#))
9. *Capacitive Touch Sense Library Quick Start Guide* ([SLAA491](#))
10. Capacitive Touch BoosterPack Software and Design Documentation ([www.ti.com/lit/zip/slac490](http://www.ti.com/lit/zip/slac490))

## 8 Schematics and PCB Layout

### 8.1 Schematics

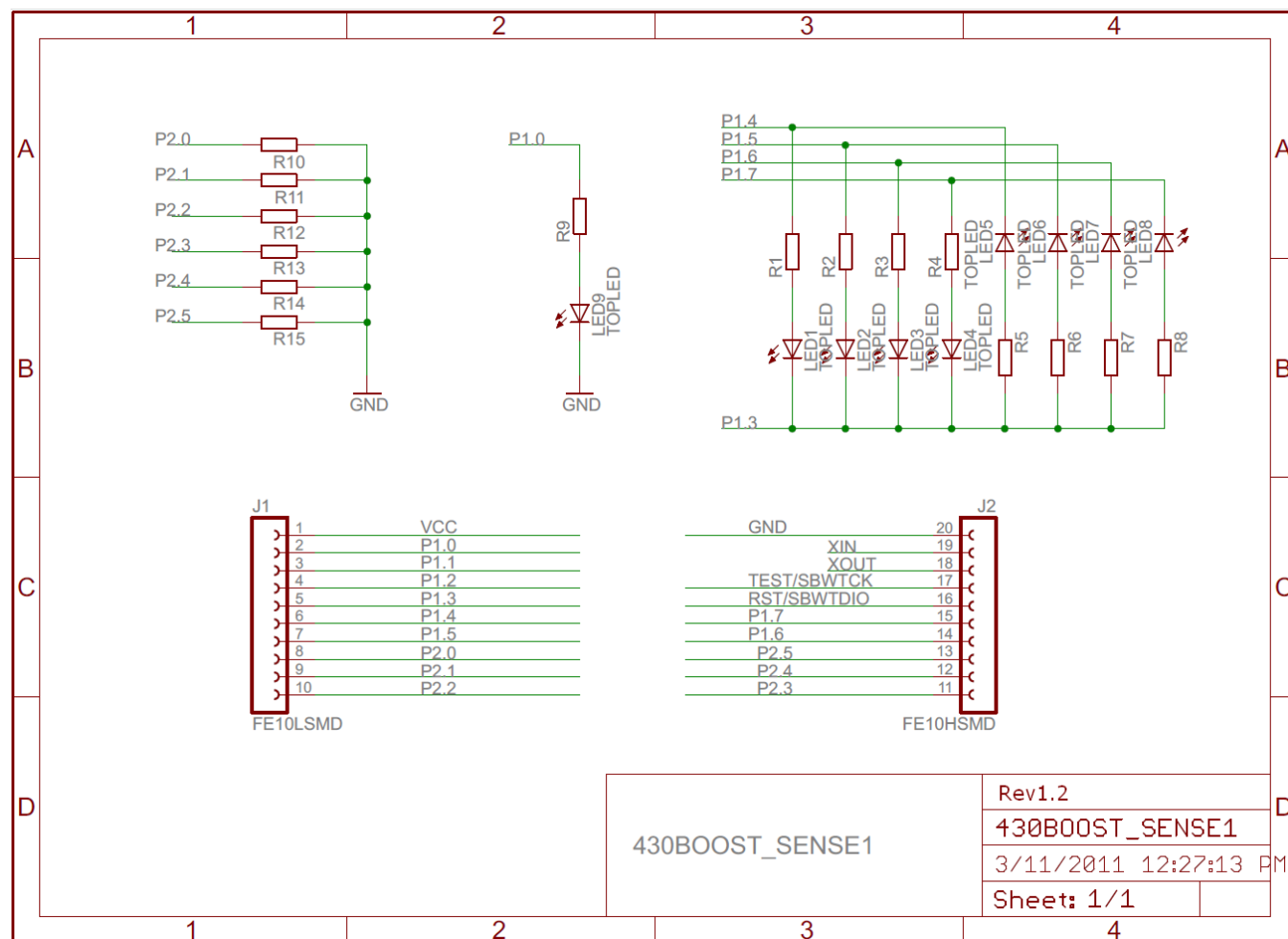


Figure 10. Capacitive Touch BoosterPack Schematic

## 8.2 PCB Layout

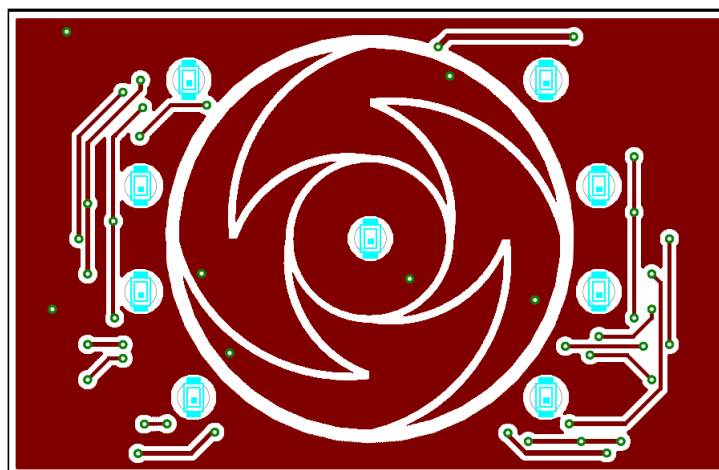


Figure 11. Capacitive Touch BoosterPack Layout, Top Layer

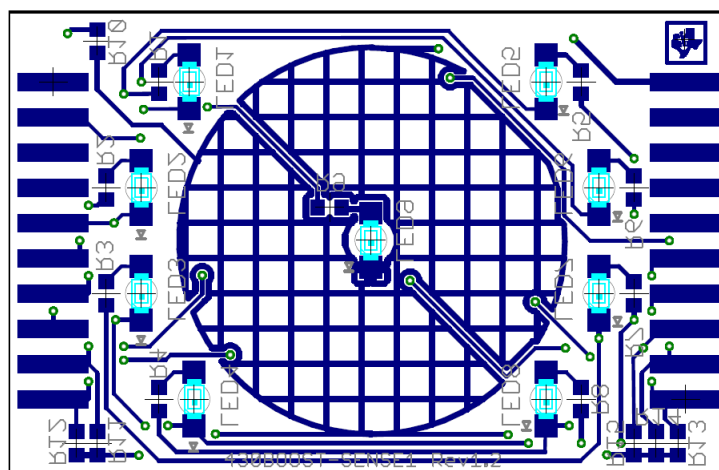


Figure 12. Capacitive Touch BoosterPack Layout, Bottom Layer and Silkscreen

## 8.3 Bill of Materials (BOM)

Table 2. Bill of Materials

Pos.	Ref Name	Number per Board	Description
1	R1 to R8	8	390-Ω SMD0603 resistor
2	R9	1	180-Ω SMD0603 resistor
3	LED1 to LED8	8	Top LED red wtr clr 631NM 1206
4	LED9	1	LED white round diffused 1206
5	J1, J2	2	Female header SSM-110-L-SV 2.54 mm
6	R10 to R15	0	SMD0603 resistor (not populated)

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